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SUBJECT: AUGUST 31 PRESS ROUNDUP

1. MURREY MARDER OF WASHINGTON POST REPORTED AUGUST 31 THAT U.S. HAS ASKED SOVIET UNION TO BYPASS NEXT WEEK'S NUCLEAR ARMS CONTROL TALKS SCHEDULED IN VIENNA BETWEEN GROMYKO AND VANCE AND RESUME DISCUSSIONS TWO WEEKS LATER IN NEW YORK. "OFFICIALLY, CARTER ADMINISTRATION HAS NOT PUBLICLY ACKNOWLEDGED ITS REQUEST TO SCRAP VIENNA MEETING," MARDER REPORTED. "IN PRIVATE, ADMINISTRATION SOURCES MINIMIZE PROBLEMS AS 'ESSENTIALLY RESCHEDULING ISSUE'. BUT AT SAME TIME, ADMINISTRATION SOURCES ACKNOWLEDGE SERIOUS, UNRESOLVED ISSUES INSIDE ADMINISTRATION, AS WELL AS WITH SOVIET UNION, OVER HOW TO BREAK STALEMATE IN SALT. IF U.S. AND SOVIET UNION ENTER VIENNA TALKS WITHOUT SOME  
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NEW INTERNAL MOVEMENT ON EITHER SIDE, PROSPECTS FOR ANY PROGRESS AT VIENNA REPORTEDLY WOULD BE NEAR ZERO." OSTENSIBLY, MARDER ADDED, PRIMARY REASON FOR BYPASSING VIENNA IS GATHERING IN WASHINGTON OF UP TO 20 LATIN AMERICAN HEADS OF STATE FOR SIGNING OF TWO NEW PANAMA CANAL TREATIES ON SEPT. 7. IT WOULD BE UNUSUAL FOR SECRETARY OF STATE TO BE ABSENT FROM SUCH MAJOR CEREMONY, OFFICIALS EMPHASIZED. BUT

OTHER INFORMED SOURCES ACKNOWLEDGED THAT CARTER ADMINISTRATION WANTS AND NEEDS MORE TIME TO WORK OUT NEXT STAGES OF ITS STRATEGY ON SALT NEGOTIATIONS. MARDER NOTED THAT WHILE VANCE WAS IN PEKING, SOVIET AMBASSADOR DOBRYNIN MET TWICE WITH NSC ADVISOR BRZEZINSKI AND ACDA DIRECTOR WARNKE. DOBRYNIN MET WITH VANCE ON AUG. 29 TO CONTINUE DISCUSSIONS, MARDER REPORTED. HE SAID "CORE OBSTACLE" IN SALT NEGOTIATIONS HAS BEEN U.S. DETERMINATION TO DEPLOY LONG-RANGE CRUISE MISSILES. U.S., HE POINTED OUT, WANTS ASSURANCES THAT SOVIET BACKFIRE BOMBER CANNOT BE EMPLOYED AS INTERCONTINENTAL WEAPON.

2. UNITED PRESS INTERNATIONAL, IN LATE AUG. 31 DISPATCH, REPORTED THAT ANNOUNCEMENT MADE SIMULTANEOUSLY IN WASHINGTON AND MOSCOW SAID TWO SIDES AGREED TO DEFER VANCE-GROMYKO MEETING, ORIGINALLY SET FOR SEPT. 7-9 IN VIENNA, UNTIL SEPT. 22-23 IN WASHINGTON. UPI QUOTED STATE DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN HODDING CARTER AS SAYING GENUINE PROGRESS HAS BEEN MADE ON SALT ALTHOUGH SUBSTANTIAL DIFFERENCES REMAIN, ESPECIALLY IN FOUR AREAS: CRUISE MISSILE, BACKFIRE, CONSTRAINTS ON MODERNIZATION, AND NUMBER OF TECHNICAL ITEMS ON VERIFICATION. CARTER REPORTEDLY SAID GROMYKO AND VANCE PROBABLY WOULD MEET SECOND TIME IN NEW YORK DURING UNGA. CHRISTOPHER

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